paid, other charges incurred by the Department and the net gain realised;

(3) has the Tramway epartment Dsold in log form timber of any species to any purchaser after getting the logs on seigniorage from the Forest Department in 1103; if so, to whom and what quantity and why the Forest Department itself could not sell it direct?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1), (2) and (3). The Member is referred to the answers to sub-divisions (2), (3) and (4) of question No. 625.

627. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the sale of timber on seigniorage to the Tramway Department was provided for in the budget of 1102 and 1103;

(2) the quantity of timber in each species sold to the Tramway Department in these years and the seigniorage realised;

(3) has the sanction of the Government been obtained for the purchase of the same; if so, when?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1), (2) and (3). Vide answer to sub-division (5) of question No. 625.

Repairs to the Elephant kraal.

628. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who was the contractor for the late repairs of the elephant kraal at Chemony in Palappilli Range and how much timber was sanctioned for its repairs and how much timber was actually used for the same;

(b) who measured the timber before supply for the repairs;

(c) was there any balance after repairs; if so, what quantity and how many logs;

(d) apply for a special permit for the removal of the unused logs;

(e) who measured the unused logs and what was the measurement and what is the report of the Forester about this matter;

(f) was any explanation for the excess taken from the ranger; what is his explanation;

(g) how was the matter finally closed?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) 1. Mr. C. L. Mathew.

2. Cds. 11—19—20—0¾.

3. ,, 7—23—8—1

b) Southern Division Executive Assistant, Mr. Fenn.

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(c) Yes. 3 logs of cds. 5—11—13—13¾.
(d) Yes.
(e) 1. Palappilli Forester, U. Sankara Menon.
2. 9¾×11½.
11½×12½.
9½×11.
3. He (Forester) reported that the contractor would have utilised old timber for the works. Copy of his report dated 28th Kanni 1103 is placed on the Council Table.

(f) No explanation was taken. The Executive Assistant, Mr. Fenn. was asked to find out the cause of the discrepancy. Copy of his note dated 24th Vrischigam 1103 is placed on the Council Table.

(g) After realising double seigniorage for the excess found. Copy of Southern Divisional Forest Officer's report is placed on the Council Table.

Cultivation of tea and cardamoms.

629. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government place on the Table a statement showing (a) the extent of land in the State fit for the cultivation of (1) tea (2) cardamoms;

(b) whether the said lands are included in the Government Reserve or have been registered to private individuals;

(c) whether such lands are accessible through road; if not, what is the distance from the nearest road;

(d) has the Government considered about the registry of these lands to private individuals?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). Government have no information.

(d) In view of the above, no answer is necessary to this part of the question.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know whether the Agricultural Department will try to find out the necessary materials for answering this question?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I did not hear the question, Sir.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I should like to know whether the Agricultural Department would try to find out materials for answering this question?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—That Department must be asked.

President.—The question is to the Government
You know that it should be put to the Agricultural Department.
Will you be able to answer?

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